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SENATOR MARVEL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Vince I'd like to have you hear this comment. I'd like to direct my comment to the Clerk first. I'd also like to direct it at the same time to the Chairman of the Judiciary. Every year we go through this Micky Mouse. We've got one on 603 that's 18 pages long to correct one change in appropriations. Mr. Clerk, you're ... I can't get the Clerk's attention, so I'll wait a minute. There must be somehow, in the way we write laws and draft amendments, that will prevent us from having to go through all this rigamaroll every time we want to change a figure or two. I don't know whether it's a disagreement with E & R, whether it's the way the Legislature writes laws, but maybe the Judiciary Committee, in addition to their other duties, could undertake a study of the way the laws are written. When we make amendments we don't have to have an 18 page amendment to change one figure. Yesterday we had a 44 page amendment to change two or three figures. With those opening remarks I'd like to explain to you what the amendments do. In the last part of it was an amendment that Senator Cavanaugh put on all his bills that has to do with gifts and devises of real property in excess of \$10,000, etc. What kind of ... what we bind ourselves with with this particular type of gift. That's the only reason for that. That has to be put on all these amendments. That's the reason that was read. Now these two amendments that I would like to have adopted for 603 ... I've got one other one. No, two others ... two amendments that Vince has read. Since we passed LB 474, allowing automobiles for special use, we have to ear-mark \$68,875 of cash funds for the Game and Parks Commission. The second amendment has to do with the Department of Agriculture. The Wheat Commission would like to have their cash funds. These are strictly cash funds. They're not adding any money. They'd like to have their cash funds increased \$17,131. They cannot spend money out of this cash fund, according to the Attorney General, unless this increase is made. Those are the two amendments. I would like to ask adoption of those two. Mr. Clerk, I've finished the explanation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, you had a light on. Alright, Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm not going to oppose the amendment. All I want to say is I get a little bit gittery on some of these things like Senator Marvel. I think in this budget bill there's a possibility that we're writing legislation instead of budget. I think if somebody would scrutinize it ... you can't legislate in a budget bill. That's why I was a little bit leary about this amendment the other day. I'll let it go for the time being. I don't think you can write new legislation, though, in a budget bill. I'm not going to oppose this.

PRESIDENT: Is there any other discussion on this matter? Do you have any close Senator? Apparently that ends the discussion? Excuse me Senator Marvel. Senator Goodrich, do you wish to be recognizes?